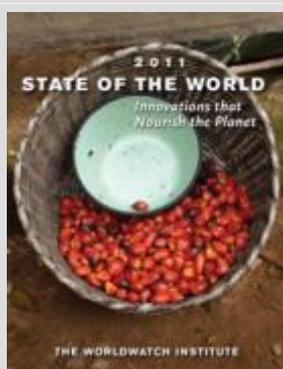


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### **Worldwatch Report: Creating Sustainable Prosperity in the**

Dear Juergen,

As we tuck into our Thanksgiving Day meals today and enjoy time with family and friends, we would like to share with you [10 simple ways](#) that you can reduce food waste and make this holiday season more plentiful.

Next week, our researchers will be participating in some exciting events around the world. Climate and Energy Program Director Alexander Ochs and his team will be in Durban, South Africa, participating in the [17th Conference of the Parties \(COP17\)](#) of the UN climate convention, where they will be sharing their work on renewable energy potential in the Caribbean. Nourishing the Planet project director Dani Nierenberg will be in Milan, Italy, attending the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition's [Third Annual International Forum](#), followed by a launch of the French edition of *State of the World 2011* in Paris, France. And I will be speaking at the [International Conference on Family Planning](#) in Dakar, Senegal, on the powerful impacts women make in the world when they can choose for themselves whether and when to become pregnant.

At a successful [briefing](#) on Capitol Hill last week, our Climate and Energy team launched REN21's new [Renewables 2011 Global Status Report](#), to which Worldwatch researchers contributed. You can view video clips of the event, which featured Reps. Rush Holt and Edward Markey, by clicking [here](#).

The third issue of [CONNECTED newsletter](#), a transatlantic partnership between Worldwatch and the German think tank [Adelphi](#), came out this past week. Click [here](#) to read the issue, which focuses on the urgency of leadership to address the impacts of the global economic crisis on the climate and energy sector.

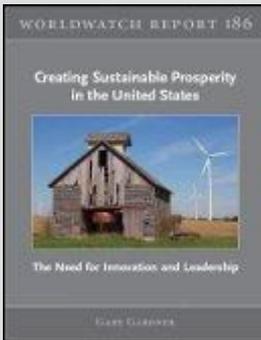
Finally, the press continues to cover our most recent [Vital Signs Online](#) reports. Our report on the state of high-speed rail was featured in [Voice of America](#), [Care2](#), and [The Press Association](#). Our research on trends in global meat consumption and production was featured in North Carolina's [News and Observer](#) and the [Albany Times Union](#). Our Nourishing the Planet team also had two op-eds published this past week, one in Florida's [Tampa Bay Tribune](#) on the merits of urban agriculture and the other in the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) on reducing food waste.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Here are some highlights from the week:

### Nourishing the Planet Update

## Reducing Food Waste During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time for gifts, decorations, and lots and lots of food. It's also a time of spectacular waste. In the United States, we generate an extra 5 million tons of household waste each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's, including three times as much food waste as at other times of the year. With the holidays now upon us, Worldwatch offers 10 simple steps we all can take to help make this season less wasteful and more plentiful.



Read: [Reducing Food Waste During the Holiday Season](#)



### Nourishing the Planet Update

## What Works: Producing Food from Waste

In sub-Saharan Africa, where nearly a third of the population is hungry, more than 25 percent of the food produced is lost to spoilage. But subsistence farmers are using composting to make better use of organic waste. Composting food waste relieves pressure on landfills while producing an inexpensive, nutrient-rich soil amendment. By adding organic matter to soil, composting can increase its water-holding capacity, facilitate root penetration, and make nutrients available to crops over time.



Read: [What Works: Producing Food from Waste](#), by Kim Kido



### Climate and Energy Update

## Experts and Congressmen Celebrate Launch of Renewables Global Status Report

Last week, Worldwatch researchers joined Congressmen Rush Holt and Edward Markey, representatives from the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21), and a panel of energy experts to celebrate the launch of the *Renewables 2011 Global Status Report*. First published in 2005, REN21's annual report provides an overview of the state of renewable energy around the world and has become the most heavily cited analysis of renewable energy business and policy.



**Read:** [Experts and Congressmen Come Out to Celebrate Launch of Global Status Report](#)



### Nourishing the Planet Update

## Going Green to Get Healthy: An Interview with Christa Essig



As the liaison on food system issues between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) environmental health and nutrition units, Christa Essig works to examine the co-benefits of a sustainable food system for the environment and people's health. She also co-leads two CDC work groups, on Healthy Food and Farm Policy and the Go Green, Get Healthy Food effort to green worksite food services.

**Read:** [Going Green to Get Healthy: An](#)

[Interview with Christa Essig](#), by Supriya Kumar



### Climate and Energy Update

## Sustainable Supply Chain: A New Way of Building China's Green Economy

In the era of globalization, supply chain management has become an indispensable part of operational management for companies with globalized business operations. But as multinational corporations adopt cost-competitive practices such as outsourcing, they are finding it challenging to identify authentic environmentally responsible suppliers in places like China. As a result, many corporations are now hiring environmental consultants, energy auditors, and even environmental NGOs to provide eco-expertise to China-based suppliers.



**Read:** [Sustainable Supply Chain: A New Way of Building China's Green Economy](#), by Qiong Xie



## Worldwatch in the News

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